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SUBJECT: NYERERE VISIT TO US

SUMMARY: STATE VISIT OF TANZANIAN PRESIDENT JULIUS
NYERERE TO THE US AUGUST 4-9 RESULTED IN TOP LEVEL TALKS
ON SOUTHERN AFRICA AND RELATED ISSUES. NYERERE RECEIVED
FULL MEDIA COVERAGE DURING ALL PORTIONS OF THE VISIT.
VISIT ALSO HIGHLIGHTED CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S INCREASED
ATTENTION TO PROBLEMS OF AFRICA AND THE THIRD WORLD.
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1. IN MEETINGS AUGUST 4 AND 5 PRESIDENT CARTER DESCRIBED
FOR NYERERE THE CURRENT ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS ON RHO-
DESIA. THE PRESIDENT ALSO EXPLAINED TO NYERERE THAT
THESE PROPOSALS WOULD BE MADE KNOWN TO THE PRINCIPAL PAR-
TIES IN THE DISPUTE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WE ASKED FOR HIS

ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING JOINT US-UK PRESENTATION TO THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS. HE AGREED TO DO SO. WE INFORMED HIM THAT SECRETARY VANCE AND UK FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN WOULD BE MEETING WITH SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA IN LONDON AUGUST 12 TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS. SECRETARY VANCE WILL THEN MEET NYERERE IN LONDON ON AUG. 13.

2. ON NAMIBIA, WE ENCOURAGED NYERERE TO CONTINUE HIS SUPPORT OF THE FIVE POWER CONTACT GROUP. SWAPO LEADER, SAM NUJOMA, WAS IN THE US COINCIDENTALLY WITH THE NYERERE VISIT, AND THE TWO MET AT BLAIR HOUSE. NYERERE SAID HE ENCOURAGED NUJOMA IN THIS MEETING TO NEGOTIATE IN SERIOUS MANNER A NAMIBIAN SETTLEMENT, BUILDING UPON THE BASIS ALREADY ESTABLISHED BY THE CONTACT GROUP WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

3. US MEDIA COVERED THE TRIP EXTENSIVELY, BOTH DURING THE WASHINGTON PHASE AND THE TRIP TO IOWA, CALIFORNIA, TENNESSEE AND GEORGIA. NYERERE APPEARED ON SEVERAL NATIONWIDE TV BROADCASTS AND GAVE A NUMBER OF TALKS AND PRESS CONFERENCES DURING THE VISIT. THE MAJOR SPEECH OF THE TRIP WAS AN ADDRESS AT HOWARD UNIVERSITY AUGUST 5, IN WHICH NYERERE CALLED FOR THE RICH NATIONS TO REFORM THE WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER. NYERERE CLAIMED THAT THE POOR NATIONS OF THE WORLD DID NOT WANT CHARITY BUT DESIRED TO ABOLISH THEIR POVERTY BY THEMSELVES. HE DECLARED THAT THE EXISTING WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM, ESTABLISHED AND RUN BY THE RICH NATIONS, PROHIBITED THE UNDERDEVELOPED WORLD

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FROM SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVING ITS STANDARD OF LIVING, AND HE DEMANDED THAT THE DEVELOPED WORLD CHANGE THIS SYSTEM, WHICH HE CHARGED EXPLOITS THE PRODUCER COUNTRIES OF THE THIRD WORLD.

4. WHILE NYERERE CALLED FOR A CONTINUING STRUGGLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA IN HIS PUBLIC STATEMENTS, WE FOUND HIM IN PRIVATE TO BE COOPERATIVE AND TO UNDERSTAND OUR POSITIONS. HE CLAIMED THAT HE WAS CONVINCED OF THE US DETERMINATION TO BRING ABOUT MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. IN NYERERE'S VIEW, A VIOLENT SOLUTION IS ALREADY UNDERWAY, SINCE THERE IS A GUERRILLA WAR ALREADY ON AND PEOPLE ARE DYING. WE ANSWERED THAT WE STILL BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE POSSIBILITIES FOR AVOIDING INCREASED BLOODSHED, AND WE AND THE BRITISH INTEND TO PURSUE THEM. PRESIDENT NYERERE LISTEND TO OUR PROPOSALS, AND WE WOULD HOPE THAT HE AND ALL THE PRINCIPAL PARTIES IN THE DISPUTE WOULD GIVE THEM A FAIR HEARING.

5. NYERERE SEEMED WILLING TO SEE AN INCREASED US ROLE IN MOVEMENT TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT OF THE RHODESIAN AND

NAMIBIAN PROBLEMS, AND MAINTAINED THAT INCREASED US INTEREST IN THE AREA WAS SIGNIFICANT. THE VISIT GAVE PRESIDENTS CARTER AND NYERERE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH A WARM PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WHICH SHOULD BE AN IMPORTANT POINT OF CONTACT OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS. CHRISTOPHER

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